For the Northern District of California

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KENJI DOMINIC RICHMOND,	No. C 15-00503 EJD (PR)
Petitioner,	ORDER OF TRANSFER
vs.	
M.E. SPEARMAN, Warden,	
Respondent.	
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Petitioner, a state prisoner at Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, California, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging his state conviction.

Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). However, federal courts in California traditionally have chosen to hear petitions challenging a conviction or sentence in the district of conviction. See Dannenberg v. Ingle, 831 F. Supp. 767, 767 (N.D. Cal. 1993); <u>Laue v. Nelson</u>, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968). The petition indicates that Petitioner was convicted in Ventura County which lies within the venue of the Western Division of the Central District of California. See 28 U.S.C. 84(c)(2).

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Accordingly, the above-titled action is hereby TRANSFERRED to the United
States District Court for the Central District of California. See 28 U.S.C. §§
1404(a), 2241(d); Habeas L.R. 2254-3.
The Clerk shall transfer this matter and terminate any pending motions.

DATED: 4/14/2015 United States District Judge

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1 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 4 5 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 6 KENJI DOMINIC RICHMOND, 7 Case No. 5:15-cv-00503-EJD Plaintiff, 8 v. **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 9 M. E. SPEARMAN, 10 Defendant. 11 12 I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. 13 District Court, Northern District of California. 14 That on 4/14/2015, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing 15 said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle 16 located in the Clerk's office. 17 Kenji Dominic Richmond CTF NA-LB-305L 18 PO Box 705 Hwy 101 N. 19 Soledad, CA 93960 20 21 Dated: 4/14/2015 22 23 Richard W. Wieking Clerk, United States District Court 24 25 26 27 Honorable EDWARD J. DAVILA